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Applicant: Anthony Giordano et al. Art Unit: 1636
Serial No.: 09/437,458 Examiner: G. Leffers, Jr.
Filed: November 10, 1999
Title: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING
COMPOUNDS THAT AFFECT RNA/RNA BINDING PROTEIN
INTERACTIONS AND mRNA FUNCTIONALITY

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed May 23, 2000, be extended for three months to and including November 23, 2000.

Enclosed is a check for \$445.00 for the required fee. If there are any other charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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